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 COMPRISING AN INHIBITOR COMPOUND OF THE ILEAL BILE  
 ACID TRANSPORT  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants submit this communication in response to the Office Action, mailed October 28, 2003, and concurrently petition for a three-month extension of time. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 23-1703 in the amount of Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) to cover the extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. §§(1.17)(a)(3) and 1.136(a).

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with this communication.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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